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NOTICE.

Under the powers conferred by a mortgage executed to the Robert P. Howell, Benjamin A. Howell and his wife, James J. Howell, registered page 43, book 45, Wake Registry, we shall on WEDNESDAY, the 25th day of FEBRUARY, 1897, expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the PREMISES, the interest of said mortgage in

ONE LOT.

in the City of Raleigh, on Front street, adjoining the City of Raleigh, and the City of Raleigh, containing about 24 acres, being half of a tract granted by Earl Granville to Francis Jones.

ONE TRACT.

on the waters of Crabtree, Black and Frier Creeks, containing about 24 acres, being half of a tract granted by Earl Granville to Francis Jones.

ONE OTHER TRACT.

adjoining the foregoing, on south side of Crabtree, containing about 24 acres.

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lying on the branches of Black and Frier Creeks, containing about 24 acres, being half of a tract granted by Earl Granville to Francis Jones.

TERMS.

Cash.

HURST, PUNELL & CO.,
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Jan 16-17.

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—AND—

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Jan 22-23.

FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE.

By virtue of the provisions of a deed of mortgage, executed by the late Francis Jones, in favor of the undersigned, and registered in the Wake Registry, in book 41, page 100, on Saturday the 17th day of January 1897, at 12 o'clock, M., I, the undersigned, will sell at the Court House door in the City of Raleigh, the following described land, to wit: A certain lot of land, situated in the City of Raleigh, on Front street, adjoining the City of Raleigh, and the City of Raleigh, containing about 24 acres, being half of a tract granted by Earl Granville to Francis Jones.

Terms of sale, cash.

P. G. WALKER,
Mortgagee.

January 17, 1897.

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HURST, PUNELL & Co.—Sale of Real Estate.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

SALISBURY STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

—Services this morning at 11 and this evening at 7. Rev. J. E. Hutson, of Petersburg, Va., officiating. Sunday school at 9 A. M.

SWAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

—Services at 11 A. M. and at 7 P. M., by the pastor, Rev. J. D. Hufman, Sunday school at 9 A. M.

EXPRESS STREET M. E. CHURCH.

—Services at 11 A. M. and at 7 P. M., by the pastor, Rev. L. S. Burkhead, D. D. Sunday school at 9 A. M.

PERSON STREET M. E. CHURCH.

—Services at 11 A. M. and at 7 P. M., by the pastor, Rev. W. C. Norman, Sunday school at 9 A. M.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.—Services at 11 A. M.

—Usual services may be expected at 4:30 P. M. on Wednesday afternoon at the same hour, and on Friday morning at 9. The public, as always, cordially invited and heartily welcomed. Ushers in attendance at the doors. Rev. M. M. Marshall, D. D., rector.

FREE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.—Services at 11 A. M. and at 7 P. M. Sunday School at 9 A. M. Services Wednesdays and Fridays, and Holy days 9 A. M. Rev. Edw. R. Rich, rector.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Services at 11 A. M. and at 7 P. M., by the pastor, Rev. Dr. C. H. Vaughan, Sunday School at 9 A. M.

ST. JOHN'S (CATHOLIC) CHURCH.—High Mass at 11 A. M., and sermon by Rev. Father Heilly, Vespers at 4 P. M. Sunday School at 10 A. M.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

—Framing the roof of the government building.

—Attend Prof. Hartley's recitation to-morrow night, help the orphans and enjoy yourself at the same time.

—Owing to the orphan asylum benefit to-morrow night, the regular meeting of Wm. G. Hill Lodge, A. F. & A. M., will not be held.

—There is still no water communication for either freight or passengers between this city and Baltimore, the ice having not yet broken in the bay.

—Mrs. Vance and Mrs. Kenan paid a visit, yesterday afternoon, to the institution for the colored deaf, dumb and blind.

—Bender county has not yet been heard from at the treasury department. All the other sheriffs have either settled or apologized.

—Rev. J. E. Hutson, a distinguished evangelist from Virginia, will occupy the pulpit of the Salisbury Street Baptist Church to-day, and will preach in that church every night this week.

—The board of county examiners yesterday awarded a certificate to Mr. J. W. Jones, of this city, which entitles him to teach a public school of the first grade.

—Don't let the mud balk your inclinations churchward to-day. You were at the minstrel show night before last and last night two, and you know it.

—Several Catholics went up from this city yesterday to Greensboro, to attend the dedication of the new Catholic church in that town to-day. Bishop Gibbons will be present and officiate.

—The rain poured and poured, last night, and the ground is in worse condition than ever, if possible. [The citizen who objects to weather items can skip this.]

—W. B. Bell, Esq., a well known and popular tradesman, of this city, has become connected with William Woollen's grocery establishment, where he will be pleased to see his old friends and customers.

—Our friend J. C. S. Lumsden, Esq., received telegraphic intelligence yesterday afternoon, of the death of his venerable father at his home in South Carolina. We tender our sympathy to Mr. Lumsden in his bereavement.

Bingham School.

Maj. Bingham, of the celebrated Bingham School, was in the city yesterday on business with the Adjutant-General, in connection with the military equipment of the school. This reputable school has 50 for duty thus early in the session, with prospects of further additions, which will be an increase upon last session and a most flattering indication of public estimation for times like these.

A lot of very nice white beans at Woolcott's open store.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

SESSION OF 1897-98.

SENATE.

SATURDAY, Jan. 20.

The Senate was called to order at 10:30 A. M., Lieutenant Governor Jarvis in the chair.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Mr. Stanford presented a petition from numerous citizens of Pender county, asking the prohibition of the sale of liquor near Point Caswell Church in that county. Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Robins presented a petition from citizens of Randolph and Guilford, asking the prohibition of the sale of liquor near Springfield Church, on the border of the counties named. Placed on calendar.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee on Corporations, Mr. Dorth, from the committee on Propositions and Grievances, Mr. Sanfiller, from the committee on Corporations, Mr. Stewart, from the Judiciary committee, submitted reports.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Robins: A bill to prohibit the sale of liquor within 34 miles of Springfield Church, Guilford county. Referred to the committee on Propositions and Grievances.

By Mr. Seales: A bill to make fraudulent appropriations of property by bailiffs a felony. Judiciary committee.

By Mr. Moore, of Mecklenburg: A bill authorizing Justices of the Peace to have official seals and to issue processes under them in certain cases. Judiciary committee.

CALENDAR.

An act to allow Milton township, in the County of Caswell, to subscribe \$15,000 to the capital stock of the Milpion and Sutherland Narrow Gauge Railroad, provided three-fifths of the qualified voters of said township shall so vote. The bill passed its second reading without opposition.

Upon motion of Mr. Finger, the rules were suspended and the Senate took up the bill to incorporate the town of Canova, in the County of Catawba.

An amendment proposed by Mr. Finger, changing the name of the town from Canova to Conover, was adopted, and the bill as amended passed its second reading and upon a suspension of the rules came up on its third reading and passed.

Mr. Graham reported a bill from the Finance committee, authorizing M. L. Arey, tax collector of the town of Salisbury, to collect arrears of taxes for the years 1874-75, and asking that the rules be suspended in order to allow it to be put on its readings. The rules were accordingly suspended, and the bill passed its second and then its third reading.

Upon the third reading it was discovered that the name appeared "Arey" instead of "Arey," and upon motion of Mr. Crawford an amendment was adopted and immediately transmitted to the House, changing the name to "Arey."

Upon motion of Mr. Polk the rules were suspended and the Senate took up the bill to legalize Reddick River township, in the County of Wilkes. The bill was put upon its readings and passed without opposition.

Upon motion of Mr. Troy the rules were suspended and the Senate took up the bill to amend the charter of Davidson College. [Striking out "two" and inserting "three" in section 9 and adding another section which was adopted for the election of four additional trustees, by the alumni of the college, one of these to go out every year but be subject to reelection.] The bill passed its second reading, and upon motion of Mr. Moore, of Mecklenburg, was taken up under a suspension of the rules and passed its third reading.

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Bill to punish the felling of timber in the Tennessee river and to the State of Tennessee. The bill was taken up, and upon motion of Mr. Robinson, was passed over for the present.

Upon motion of Mr. Troy, the rules were suspended and the Senate took up the bill to prohibit the sale of spirituous or malt liquors on the Sabbath day. After a lengthy debate the bill with amendments was put upon its second reading, and upon motion of Mr. Moore, of Mecklenburg, was taken up under a suspension of the rules and passed its third reading, yeas 34, nays 10.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

A message was received from the House announcing the passage of divers bills and resolutions and asking the concurrence of the Senate. The bill and resolutions were appropriately referred.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

A message was received from His Excellency the Governor announcing the appointment of the following gentlemen as directors of the penitentiary: David M. Carter, of Wake; Thos. H. Briggs, of Wake; Chas. G. Gates, of Guilford; Geo. W. Thompson, of Chatham; and Geo. S. Cole, of Moore, and asking confirmation of the appointments.

CALENDAR RESUMED.

Upon motion of Mr. Arey the rules were suspended and the Senate took up the bill for the improvement and reclamation of certain swamp-lands in Onslow and other counties.

Mr. Nicholson moved to postpone and make special order for Monday at 11:30 A. M., which motion was adopted.

Upon motion of Mr. Nicholson, the Senate then took a recess and went into.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

upon the nominations sent in by His Excellency the Governor.

The executive session was called to order, Lieutenant Governor Jarvis in the chair.

Upon motion of Mr. Latham, the reading of the Journal of the last executive session was dispensed with.

The clerk read the communication from His Excellency the Governor, and the Senate proceeded to vote upon the

different names, taking each separately.

Each one was confirmed in the order in which the names are given above, and the executive session then, upon motion, adjourned.

The Senate was called to order and adjourned until Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House met at 11 o'clock A. M., and was called to order by the Speaker. The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented:

By Mr. Pinnix: A petition from a portion of the citizens of Davidson county in relation to county roads.

Propositions and Grievances.

By Mr. Dunlap: A petition signed by citizens of Anson against the repeal of certain prohibitory liquor laws applicable to said county. Propositions and Grievances.

By Mr. Hyde: A petition from the county commissioners of Hyde county asking to be empowered to levy a special tax. Propositions and Grievances.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The following gentlemen submitted reports from the committees which they represent:

By Messrs. Staples, Vaughan, McBrayer, Pinnix, Henderson, Todd, of Ashe, and Carter, of Buncombe, from the committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Shackelford, from the committee on Engaged Bills.

By Mr. Henderson, from the committee on Corporations.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The following bills and resolutions were introduced, read and passed the first time and were referred to the appropriate committee or placed on the calendar.

By Mr. Pinnix: A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to lay off and establish a public road in the counties of Davidson and Davie, and to establish a ferry across the Yadkin river, Caldwel-

By Mr. Moyer: A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Geo. W. Wiloughby, late sheriff of Anson county. Finance.

By Mr. Richardson: A bill to be entitled an act concerning county commissioners. Finance.

By Mr. Howe: A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled "an act to regulate the times of holding the terms of the Superior Courts of Cumberland county." Propositions and Grievances.

By Mr. Richardson: A bill to be entitled an act to amend Battle's Revisal, section 5, chapter 6, Judiciary.

By Mr. Bryson: A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to amend chapter 122, laws 1871-72. Propositions and Grievances.

By Mr. McBryer: A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Cleveland Mills, in the County of Cleveland, Corporations.

By Mr. Carter, of Hyde: A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the county commissioners of Hyde county to levy a special tax. Finance.

The morning hour having expired, the House took up the

CALENDAR.

and the following bills and resolutions were disposed of:

Resolution in favor of T. J. Austin, authorizing the public treasurer to pay \$12 to take Austin, was taken up and passed its second reading.

H. R. 264, in relation to the lease of the State Arsenal at Fayetteville, was taken up and passed its second reading.

H. R. 264, in relation to the lease of the North Carolina Railroad, was taken up and passed its second reading.

H. R. 43, entitled "An act to submit the question of building a railroad from Danville, Va., to Yanceyville, N. C.," H. R. 206, to protect the people of the State from incompetent and ignorant physicians and against secret remedies, were taken up and on motion laid on the table.

H. R. 273, to amend section 16, chap. 44, Battle's Revisal, concerning the State, was taken up and passed its second reading.

A bill, being a substitute for H. R. 64 and 84, authorizing the registers of deeds to furnish statements of county expenses in the several counties of the State, was taken up and on motion was laid on the table.

H. R. 142, to restore to the State its representation in the North Carolina Railroad Company, was taken up and on motion of Mr. Howe passed over informally.

Mr. Ransom moved to reconsider the vote by which H. B. 508 was laid on the table, which motion prevailed, and the bill was again put upon its second reading.

After considerable discussion and numerous amendments Mr. Terry moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of the bill. The motion prevailed.

H. B. 219, to require clerks of the different courts in this State to keep indexes and cross-indexes, with a substitute from the Judiciary committee, was taken up.

The substitute was adopted and the bill as amended was put upon its second reading and passed.

Under a suspension of the rules the bill was put upon its third reading and passed.

Mr. Pinnix moved to suspend the rules to take up a bill to establish a public road in the counties of Davidson and Davie and to establish a ferry across the Yadkin river. The motion prevailed and the bill was put on its second reading.

The Speaker called Mr. Vaughn to the chair and took the floor in support of the bill.

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1877.

A Year of Momentous Political Events.

Prospectus of the Raleigh News.

Momentous events are thronging to the front. Two political parties of the country are marshaling their intellectual forces for the constitutional battle, on which hangs the fate of the government.

From now until the 4th of March the republic will be the theatre of a drama more thrilling in interest than any before enacted in America, to be followed, in all probability, by a period of the profoundest concern to all our people. Some predict a terrible clash of arms, but whether or not war results from the turbulent condition of the public mind, it is certain that the year 1877 will see thick crowding occurrences of great moment.

Of these events and circumstances the NEWS will be a watchful, faithful chronicler. Its news will be the freshest and fullest that can be obtained by a reader. Journalists can obtain on whatever field the same is to be collected.

The NEWS will endeavor, in its editorial course, to uphold the constitution and the laws guaranteeing a truly republican form of government. It will counsel moderation in the treatment of political questions, but firmness in the defence and maintenance of right, as the only foundation of enduring peace.

The NEWS is the authorized organ of the Democratic party.

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SENATOR Ransom was the only North Carolinian on the Joint Committee on the electoral count. Upon that committee he has exhibited a moderation which cannot be too highly commended.

Gov. VANCE has appointed an excellent Board for the management of the Penitentiary. The names of the gentlemen selected appear in our Legislative reports.

The dispatches from Florida are of high importance. The law may yet give the electoral vote of the State, and justice triumphant in the end. A canvass of the votes must inevitably give Florida to Tilden.

We present to-day the views of a distinguished lawyer of Halifax county upon the subject of county government. He makes some pertinent suggestions; and the whole merits the consideration of those who have this question in hand.

THE New York Herald sees in the plan of the Joint Committee, “the dawn of brighter hopes.” The press of the country, North and South, is almost unanimous in commendation of the proposition.

Under the brightening prospect for a peaceful and honest count of the electoral vote, business will improve daily. The announcement that the Joint Committee had agreed was immediately hailed throughout the length and breadth of the land as an omen of better times.

THE CHANGED PROSPECT.

It was predicted by the Commissioners of the land that the joint committee on the electoral count would be unable to agree; and in consequence, even our wisest and most hopeful statesmen looked to the future with deep-seated anxiety. With the two great parties standing in solid array against each other on the main questions connected with the count, the spectacle of two Presidents claiming on the 4th of March was among the possibilities, and a collision of authority ending in bloodshed and disaster was by no means improbable. Indeed, the present occupant of the White House had already begun to prepare for a conflict; there were ominous movements of troops and munitions of war; and there was the whispered command along the whole line, “make ready for a fight.” Several Republican Governors, filled with the same grave apprehensions or animated by the same desperate purpose as moved President Grant, had seriously talked of placing the militia of their respective States upon a war-footing. Even a Democratic Governor, Blue Jeans Williams, was reported to have taken steps towards mobilizing the Hoosier militia, with the view of marching on Washington should the Democratic party in Congress call for help. The fact cannot be disguised, nor forgotten, that the cloud no bigger than a man's hand did for awhile darken our political sky, and have men trembled for the possible fate of the country.

But now all apprehensions of a collision at Washington in the settlement of the Presidential question may be laid aside. The danger is past—unless Congress refuses to adopt the report of the committee, a turn in affairs so improbable that it is hardly worthy of consideration. The committee is a fair representation of Congress, and their matured views will no doubt prevail in both the Senate and the House. The plan which they propose, though entirely novel to the American people, offers a certain method of reaching an impartial, honest and constitutional solution of the unprecedented difficulty which now confronts us, and must commend itself to the wisdom and prudence of the members of Congress as the best that can be done under the circumstances.

Although the plan suggested does not make certain what will be the final result of the count, we think the bare fact that the committee agreed upon any plan of procedure is a favorable omen for Mr. Tilden. Because this agreement involves the defeat of the conspiracy headed by Mr. Morton, who now stands alone in his refusal to assent to the report of the committee. This malignant, unscrupulous man leads the extremists. They have insisted that the President of the Senate should count the votes; that the count should take place in the Senate Chamber, contrary to custom; that the Senate had powers superior to those of the House in the decision of all questions springing from or connected with the counting; and, in short, that the policy of the majority in the Senate should prevail, if it required the whole army of the United States to enforce it. The conclusions of the committee are in direct antagonism with such revolutionary ideas as these. The President of the Senate is to confine himself to the simple duty of opening the certificates and handing them over to the tellers; the Senate must sit in the Hall of the House of Representatives during the progress of the count; and the jurisdiction of the two houses over the matter is recognized as concurrent. This knocks the pins from under the Morton-Chandler scheme; and it must tumble to ruins.

The overthrow of the conspirators before the tug of war begins is of itself sufficient cause for rejoicing. But more than this, the country has cause to be glad that the moderate, law-abiding, peace-loving men of Congress have at last got control of “the situation.” Extremists of both parties will now take back seats; the reins fall into the hands of cooler, wiser and more patriotic men; and the destinies of the nation will no longer be shaped by partisan blindness and fury, nor by individual ambition. And now just in proportion as justice and honesty govern in the decision of the question, does the prospect of Mr. Tilden's ultimate triumph brighten.

The bill reported by the special committee in regard to the count of the electoral vote was taken up and discussed in the Senate yesterday. No opposition among Democratic Senators to the plan proposed by the committee has yet manifested itself; but the Republicans exhibit more opposition than was expected. It is said that the measure will find some vigorous opponents in both parties, but it is understood that many leading Republicans and Democrats will vigorously champion it; and it is believed that the bill will become a law.

Sitting Bull Morton is the only member of the Joint Committee who refused to agree to the report. It is cause for universal congratulation that this malignant bulldozer is losing his influence in Congress. The haters of the South, and natural enemies of honor and decency, no longer have the upper hand at Washington.

THE Western North Carolina Railroad bill comes up for discussion in the Senate on Tuesday. The bill should pass; that this great work of internal improvement may be completed at an early day. The time has come for the Democratic party of North Carolina to redeem its promises to our brethren in the West.

OUR CORRESPONDENT “North Carolina”

expresses some of the misdoings of J. E. O'Hara. The Board of Commissioners over which this negro politician presides, in two years' time, ran the credit of Halifax county down from par to 40 cents, and ran up the debt from nothing to fifteen or twenty thousand dollars. In the elevation of such a man to the head of the government of a great county, we may discern one of the most serious evils growing out of the existing system of county government.

The repeal of the usury bill of 1874-75 by the Senate was among the most prominent features of the legislative work of the past week. The NEWS opposed the passage of this bill originally in 1875, upon pretty much the same grounds that underlie the arguments which were used for its repeal. The law which the Senate proposes to substitute for the repealed act, conforms to the national banking law upon the subject of usury.

PERSONAL.

A committee of Nevada miners are codifying the laws of poker.

In politics Mr. Vanderbilt was always an old Whig, and took the conservative view of every question.

Schuyler Colfax is in Canada. He goes right on counting just as we were not in the midst of a great crisis.

Mrs. Leena Flood, who died lately at North Adams was the first woman who in this country served as an operative in a spinning mill.

In Goshen, Conn., “experience meetings” are held, in which visitors to the Centennial Exhibition tell what they saw.

A Chicago artist has painted a picture of hell, representing sinners in a lake of burning brimstone. He wishes to sell it to some evangelist to be displayed in revival meetings.

The manager of the San Francisco Benevolent Association is accused of stealing the society's money, and spending it in profligacy. He had kept up a pretence of piety, and was an eloquent exhorter.

When King Theodore, of Abyssinia, committed suicide, the English officers found and brought away a little boy, the son and heir of the dead King. The lad has been educated in England, in fact the Queen has in a manner adopted him. The Prince of Gessina is now at Rugby, visits the royal household during his holidays, and is studious but not smart.

NORTH CAROLINA.

J. C. Jacobs has been appointed clerk of the Perquimans Superior Court.

The Rev. Mr. Murray will preach next Sunday, in the Baptist church at Warrenton.

Farmers in the vicinity of Warrenton are losing their horses by some prevailing disease.

Mess. Biggs & Sons contemplate starting a wool factory at Lumberton, Robeson county, at an early day.

Many colored laborers have gone from Edgecombe county to work in the turpentine business in South Carolina.

“From tip to tip,” seven feet, was the measure of a bald eagle killed by Mr. Andrew Hine, in Forsyth, last week.

A new Moravian church edifice was dedicated last Sabbath, three miles from Winston, Forsyth county.

Some rogue stole a barrel of sugar from the platform of the depot at Salisbury a few nights ago, while a freight train was unloading.

The cold snap during the first of the month caused the death of a great many swarms of bees, and the rotting of large quantities of Irish potatoes. So we learn from our western exchanges.

Mr. W. E. Cowan lodged a pistol bullet in the shoulder of Mr. Samuel Bonny, in a encounter at Burgaw, Pender county, a few days ago.

A snake cloud is supposed to have passed over Charlotte, as live snakes were picked up about there the day after the shower of snakes fell in Memphis.

W. M. Monroe, meat dealer of Wilmington, caught Alex. Patterson stealing some of his sausages. Wednesday morning, clamped him and turned him over to the police.

An entertainment for the benefit of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, given under the auspices of the Goldsboro Misses Orphan Aid Society, last week, resulted in raising a pretty considerable sum for the Orphans.

The cautionary signals are ordered to be continued on the coast of the southern States, which is an indication that old “indications” thinks the course of the winds and so forth indicates a continuance of bad weather at sea.

Chatham county jail was burned last week, being set on fire by one of the three negro prisoners confined there. In Dallas Harris, said to be a very desperate character, is the name of the incendiary.

Eight thousand, nine hundred and ninety partridges have been shipped from Salisbury this season. That species of bird will be scarce in our fields, in a few years, at this rate, as fish are in our streams.

A colored J. P. of Craven county was recently applied to for a warrant for the arrest of a negro charged with assault on another negro, with intent to kill. He said he didn't know how to write a warrant, and sent the applicant to another magistrate.

Several weeks ago a colored preacher, named Riley, residing near Hill's Ferry Martin county left his home together with his wife to attend church, leaving his two children, a boy of five years of age and a girl a year younger, in the house, with no other companion than a large dog belonging to the boy. During their absence the girl had occasion to crawl under the building in search of something she had left there, when the dog, which was lying under the house at the time, made a violent attack upon her, biting and severely injuring her in several places. The boy, who was upstairs, hearing the cries of his sister, ran to her assistance, when the animal turned upon him; seized him by the throat, and after a severe struggle succeeded in killing him. When the parents of the children returned they found the dog lying by the side of his dead master, engaged in eating the flesh from the child's head and face, and when they attempted to drive him away he was so savage that they were obliged to shoot him.

LETTER FROM HALIFAX.

O'Hara's Sin Against the County of Halifax.

HALIFAX Co., N. C., Jan. 17, '77.

To the Editor of the News:

Sir:—Your exposure of the rascality of West, the carpet-bag clerk of Craven Superior Court, adds another to the long list of services your able and fearless journal has rendered to the cause of honest government.

Let me ask you to add another. J. E. O'Hara, the carpet-bag negro, who, chairman of the board of county commissioners of Halifax, lords it over the finances of this county, requires your attention. An able and intelligent committee of the citizens of the county who were appointed to examine the county finances last summer reported that such was the condition of county affairs, that an examination of the books would not reveal the entire indebtedness of the county. That no one knew how much the county did owe. That they could ascertain, however, that at least \$9,000 to \$10,000 of the county money was improperly out of the Treasury. Among the “items” the Committee found that O'Hara had appropriated several hundreds of dollars to himself by a vote of the board “for legal services.” The Committee further reported that owing to the collusion and connivance of the Judge and Solicitor, all attempts to indict O'Hara had been frustrated.

In spite of all these revelations an irresponsible negro majority re-elected O'Hara in November and he is at liberty to spoil again. Can the white men of the West look on and not help? Is there anything worse in South Carolina than this?

North Carolina owes an undying debt of gratitude to your noble paper. In your columns within the short space of twelve months (to go no further back) have been exposed and denounced the carpet and stationery stealings of Howerton Radical Secretary of State; the bribery record of Taylor; the disclosures as to Holden; the tampering with the mails by the Newbern postmaster; and most lately the peculations of John Pool and L. E. West, and many others. Now let four calcium light fall upon O'Hara and his gang.

The people of this district, especially, are under obligations to you for the resignation of Watts which you aided so powerfully to bring about. They endorse your recommendation of Gen. Cox for his successor. You may rest assured that the people recognize your services and that the affection and regard in which our State organ is held is as wide as

NORTH CAROLINA.

Plan of the Joint Committee.

[N. Y. Herald, Jan. 19.]

The joint committee's plan has the crowning merit of being so framed that its adoption does not of itself decide the election. It is neither a “jury to acquit” nor a “court to convict.”

The adoption of this plan will get the country safely out of the turmoil in which it has been forced to live since last June, and especially since November, and which has depressed all industries and enormously increased poverty and pauperism everywhere. It gives the best assurance of a just settlement that can be had. It relieves us from all apprehensions of a stormy 4th of March and of the vague dangers which every man feels may easily become too real. It provides for a settlement which all honest citizens of whatever party can consider final, and immediate and which will leave no question to be imperatively demanded by public opinion. What more can be asked? Men may shout and asseverate “Hayes is elected,” “Tilden is elected,” to the end of time; but more assertion amounts to nothing and convinces no one of the opposite belief. Almost any way of getting a decision would have been better than continued uncertainty and turmoil. Here is a way in which the elements of which are constitutional and promise an honest and legal result. If this plan should be rejected by Congress no other can be contrived, for there is not time. The country has waited long enough. We do not like to contemplate a wrangling and furious Congress; to the secret intrigues and bolder strokes of demagogues to an increasing excitement among the people, all ending probably in violence and perhaps in civil war, or at the best in lasting discontent on one side or the other. Is that a desirable prospect?

Exposures of Corruption.

[Payetteville Wide-Awake.]

The Raleigh News is an excellent “noser.” It will be remembered that some months ago the local editor of that paper discovered a defalcation or swindling on the part of Howerton, Secretary of State; and now he comes out and publishes John Pool, late Superintendent of Public Instruction, as having misappropriated the funds placed in his hands for the education of the Cherokee Indians in this State. What the honorable (?) John will say to this charge remains to be seen; but at any rate, we can but admire the vigilance and the boldness of the NEWS.

Thanks.

[From the Raleigh Observer.]

The courtesy of our city cotemporary, the NEWS, in refusing to publish the proceedings of the Weldon meeting, because of the reflection thereon upon the Observer, is thoroughly appreciated. Rivals as we are for popular favor, and knowing the temptation to strike an adversary whenever opportunity offers, we take great pleasure in recognizing in the refusal of the NEWS the dictates of a knightly courtesy that should govern all gentlemen. With its best bow, the Observer returns its thanks with the sincere hope that it may never have an opportunity to return the courtesy.

The first telegram over the new line between Wilmington and Fayetteville was transmitted over the wires on the 17th inst.

The Silver Comet band and Newbern Grays were to celebrate the birthday of Gen. R. E. Lee, by a parade, on Friday.

Some sacrilegious rogue tore away the brick and opened the corner stone of the colored M. E. Church, in Wilmington, one night this week, and stole therefrom the bricks and other articles of value it contained.

Esq. Hill of Newbern has refused to issue a warrant for the arrest of a party for forgery because, he says, he has sent up several cases of the kind to the Superior Court and one of which has been prosecuted.

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